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It is respectfully submitted that this submission overcomes any rejection under 35 U.S.C.102. It is further respectfully submitted that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the case to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact David R. Murphy (Reg. No. 22,751) at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

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